

DISCREET ENGINEER AND MECHANIC.

Contractor Thornton Dripped by a Sorely Beset Policeman.

FOUGHT WITH A TROWEL.

Ryan's Head Was Streaming with Blood When He Brought His Revolver Into Play.

TWO BROTHERS AGAINST HIM.

William Thornton Was "Wanted" for Assaulting a Building Inspector, and He and His Brother Resisted Arrest.

A policeman on his knees, with blood streaming from a dozen wounds in his head; one man grasping his arms from behind, and another belaboring him with a mason's trowel, was the scene that attracted a large and excited crowd in West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street yesterday afternoon.

The two assaults for which Contractor Thornton will have to answer that evening at the Police Court, were the result of a quarrel between William Thornton, contractor, of No. 31 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, and a policeman on duty at the time.

There was a whiff of smoke and a report, the man with the trowel tottered backward and the policeman fell on his back, bleeding from the temple. The other man tore a revolver from the policeman's grasp and scuffled off at the top of his speed.

It was all over in a twinkling, the court proceedings, the bullet wound was no deeper than the scarp and needed no more than an antiseptic bandage, which was applied at the Manhattan Hospital.

The policeman's injuries from the trowel were serious, but after similar treatment was able to take his prisoner to the station. It happened that William Thornton, contractor, of No. 31 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, was held without bail on two charges of assault, and his brother, Daniel, was held without bail on a charge of assault.

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SHOT AND HAGED AND PUT IN PRISON, SAYS FRANK LAMONT.

Eleven Months in Jail.

The Youth Claims to Have Sailed to Cuba in the Filibuster.

After being shot through the shoulder by a Spanish trooper, strung up by the neck, let down again, and thrown into a Spanish prison where he remained eleven months, according to his story, Frank Lamont, of No. 202 Clinton street, Brooklyn, has returned to civilization.

Frank says he is nineteen years old, born of English parents at Barbadoes, and claims to have gone out as mess boy on the Bermuda one year ago when Calixto Garcia took a filibuster expedition to Cuba.

Young Lamont said he returned Wednesday evening and will seek redress for the wrongs he claims have been suffered.

"The steamer landed at Baracoa on March 23, 1896," the returned mess boy explained last night, "and I went ashore with the expedition. By marches, during which time I was sick, we finally reached a point within six miles of Great Rock. We pitched camp at dusk. Our party had separated and I was with a party of fifty."

"About 8 o'clock I went out to look for fruit and stumbled onto the sentinel of a Spanish camp. He challenged, I drew my machete and then he shot me through the right shoulder. The cavalry came out and captured me. A knife was placed at my heart by a lieutenant, who said he would kill me. I couldn't talk Spanish, but they thought I could. They tied a rope around my neck and hung me up to make me talk. After hanging me up to a while I was put to bed."

"Next morning I was taken to a village called Jamaica, where an English lady, the wife of a Spanish Lieutenant, acted as interpreter. My story was that I went ashore from the steamer Bermuda to look at the island. The boat pulled off and left me, and I followed a path inland and was captured after twenty-four hours. I told them, I found in a deserted house, I was simply a sailor and not a Cuban soldier. The commanding officer said he would telegraph to New York about me and the steamer, and if I had lied they would poison me in a hospital."

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